slope less than the 1:12 maximum. Berms or sculpted dirt may be used to provide elevation and may be part of an accessible route to composite play structures.

Platform lifts are permitted as a part of an accessible route. Because lifts must be independently operable, operators should carefully consider the appropriateness of their use in unsupervised settings.

Advisory F240.2.1 Ground Level Play Components (Continued). Where ramps connect elevated play components, the maximum rise of any ramp run is limited to 12 inches (305 mm). Where possible, designers and operators are encouraged to provide ramps with a

use in unsupervised settings.

F240.2.1.1 Minimum Number and Types. Where ground level play components are provided,

at least one of each type shall be on an accessible route and shall comply with 1008.4. **F240.2.1.2 Additional Number and Types.** Where elevated play components are provided, ground level play components shall be provided in accordance with Table F240.2.1.2 and shall comply with 1008.4.

EXCEPTION: If at least 50 percent of the *elevated play components* are connected by a *ramp* and at least 3 of the *elevated play components* connected by the *ramp* are different types of *play components*, the *play area* shall not be required to comply with F240.2.1.2.

Table F240.2.1.2 Number and Types of Ground Level Play

Components Required to be on Accessible Routes

Minimum Number of Ground Level Play Components Required to be on an Accessible Route	Minimum Number of Different Types of Ground Level Play Components Required to be on an Accessible Route
Not applicable	Not applicable
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	3
5	3
6	3
7	4
8	4
8, plus 1 for each additional 3, or fraction thereof, over 25	5
	Level Play Components Required to be on an Accessible Route Not applicable 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 8, plus 1 for each additional 3,